



Romanian Master of Mathematics

9th Edition, Bucharest, February 22nd-27th of 2017

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3

THE TEAM

STUDENTS:

Vlad Diamandopol – 10 A

Anca Ghinea – 9 A

Mihai Panțucu – 9 A

Cosmin-Andrei Tamas – 10 A

Ilinca Rentea – 10 A

Teodora Voicu – 10 A

TEACHERS:

Corina Vint

Mirela Marinescu

Iulia Manicea

Tudor Dalcu

Saturday- Day 3

Today was the third day of the Romanian Masters of Mathematics and it started with a little bit of rain in the morning; we, the guides, woke up the contestants and guided them to "Tudor Vianu" National High School. On the way, some of the contestants stopped at Starbucks in order to eat something and cheer themselves up before the contest. When they arrived, they managed to get in the classes they were listed to.

After the contest was over, the teams met in the hallway and discussed the problems.



They seemed pretty sad, but we managed to ask them a few questions. The answers listed below are from Joao Vargas from Brazil, Zachary Chorman from USA, and one contestant from "Tudor Vianu's" team: Miruna Mitu.

Interviewers (Vlad Diamandopol and Teodora Voicu): How was the contest? Was it harder than last year?

JV: I believe I did pretty much the same as last year, but this year, the problems from day 2 were easier.

ZC: This is my first time here so it is hard to tell, but practicing on other years's problems, I can say that today's exam was very hard in particular. But I liked the problems, there were nice problems.

MM: This is my first time attending this competition and the problems were harder than I had expected, but I found them very instructive. Also, this contest has taught me to focus better during a longer period of time.

I: How many problems did you manage to solve?

JV: I solved 2 of them completely and another 2 partially.

ZC: Umm... I solved problems one and three, so only 2 out of 6.

MM: I believe I did solve 2 subjects partially and none completely but I think next year I'll do better.

I: What is the impression Bucharest has given you?

JV: I like it here very much, especially the parks.

ZC: It's a good question. It's a really nice city, but there wasn't a

cultural shock. I was expecting it to look the way it does, apart from the language and cars that don't stop when you are crossing the street. But yeah, I liked my time here, I had a really good time.



I: What did you think about the guides? Were they helpful? How about the accommodation?

JV: The guides were great, they managed to teach me read in Romanian, which is not as hard as it seems and we also asked them to read in Portuguese and they did a pretty good job. They were very helpful and they took us anywhere we wanted. On a scale from 1 to 10, I would say the accommodation was a 6.

ZC: You guys really went over the top and it was great job, I appreciate it certainly. The accommodation was good, but we had problems with electricity on the first day and with the keys.

I: Did you like the food you ate here?

JV: We did not get a chance to eat traditional Romanian food but all the restaurants we went to were very good.

ZC: It was good but personally I am a picky eater, but out of what I have tried it was really nice.

I: Will you repeat this experience and come to Romania further on?

ZC: I would love to come to the country again next year, but I won't go to this contest again here because my country selects participants in order to give more people the chance to visit certain places.



About 30-45 minutes later, the teams left with their guides. Some of them took a walk through the Kiseleff Park on their way back to Moxa, while discussing with the guides about the next activities. Related to this subject, some teams decided to stay and relax in their rooms after 4 and a half hours of stress and the others decided to go to different places. For example, Brazil team decided to go to Afi Palace Cotroceni in order to go ice-skating. They enjoyed it very much and they had fun. On their way there they managed to see more sights of Bucharest.

